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SUBJ: ESTABLISHMENT OF PLO OBSERVER IN GENEVA

REF: USUN 0092

1. DURING CALL ON PICTET JANUARY 21, POLCOUNS INQUIRED ABOUT ACCURACY OF STORY THAT APPEARED IN ZURCHER TAGESANZEIGER TO EFFECT THAT PLO HAS MADE REQUEST TO UN FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF OBSERVER MISSION IN GENEVA, REQUEST HAD BEEN PASSED TO SWISS, AND THAT SWISS AUTHORITIES WOULD SOON COMPLY. PICTET SAID THAT STORY WAS NOT WITHOUT BASIS, THOUGH SWISS HAD "NOT YET" RECEIVED ANY COMMUNICATION FROM UN. THEY WERE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT PLO REP IN GENEVA (DAOUD BARAKAT), WHO HAS BEEN ACCREDITED THERE AS MEMBER OF LIBYAN MISSION, HAD ASKED WINSPEARE FOR FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF OBSERVER MISSION.

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2. PICTET COMMENTED THAT PLO QUESTION WAS RELATIVELY

"EASIER" FOR WALDHEIM THAN PRG LIAISON OFFICE SINCE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAD PASSED RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PLO.
HE NOTED WRYLY THAT THIS SEEMED TO GIVE PLO MORE STATUS
THAN SWISS OBSERVER MISSION IN NEW YORK ENJOYED.
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